

1. A method of assisting a loved one of a deceased in planning a funeral or other service which memorializes the deceased, the method comprising:

5 querying the loved one as to various aspects of the life of the deceased;

 based on the loved one's responses to the queries, selecting a theme, from a menu of themes, for a vignette to be incorporated into the funeral or other service; and

10 within the selected theme, selecting one or more memorial items from a menu of memorial items to be utilized in the vignette.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the queries posed to the loved one include at least one of the queries from the group consisting of:

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- how did the deceased live;
 - whom did the deceased love;
 - what made the deceased laugh;
 - what did the deceased learn; and
 - what legacy did the deceased leave.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the queries posed to the loved one comprise:

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- how did the deceased live;
 - whom did the deceased love;
 - what made the deceased laugh;
 - what did the deceased learn; and
 - what legacy did the deceased leave.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the lifestyle of the deceased.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the vocation of the deceased.

5 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the avocation of the deceased.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the vignette theme is one selected from a group consisting of:

10 military service;
gardening;
farming;
hunting;
fishing;
15 sports; and
music.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the menu of memorial items includes memorial products.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of casket designs.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes custom engraved caskets.

5 11. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes caskets having a memorabilia drawer built therein.

12. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes caskets having a memorial record tube built therein.

10 13. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes a plurality of casket cap panel designs.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the plurality of casket cap panel designs includes cap panels adapted to be removed from the casket and presented to the loved one as a keepsake.

15 15. The method of claim 9 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes a plurality of casket corner adornment designs.

16. The method of claim 8 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of casket bier designs.

17. The method of claim 8 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of floral display designs.

5 18. The method of claim 8 wherein the memorial products include a memorial table for displaying personal items of the deceased.

19. The method of claim 8 wherein the memorial products include a memorial board for displaying photos of the deceased.

10 20. The method of claim 1 wherein the menu of memorial items includes personal effects of the deceased.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein the personal effects include keepsakes of the deceased.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein the personal effects include personal items of the deceased.

23. A vignette adapted to be included in a funeral or other memorial service which memorializes a deceased, said vignette comprising:

a vignette theme which represents at least one aspect of the deceased's life; and

5 memorial items, consistent with said vignette theme, positioned in said vignette and portraying said at least one aspect of the deceased's life.

24. The vignette of claim 23 wherein said vignette theme is one selected from a group consisting of:

military service;

farming;

5 gardening;

hunting;

fishing; and

music.

25. The vignette of claim 23 wherein said memorial items
10 include memorial products.

26. The vignette of claim 25 wherein said memorial products include a casket.

27. The vignette of claim 26 wherein said casket is engraved.

28. The vignette of claim 26 wherein said casket includes a
15 memorabilia drawer built therein.

29. The vignette of claim 26 wherein said casket has a memorial record tube built therein.

30. The vignette of claim 26 wherein said casket includes a personalized cap panel therein.

31. The vignette of claim 30 wherein said cap panel is adapted to be removed from said casket and presented to the loved one as a keepsake.

5 32. The vignette of claim 26 wherein said casket includes personalized corner adornments thereon.

33. The vignette of claim 25 wherein said memorial products include a casket bier.

10 34. The vignette of claim 25 wherein said memorial products include a floral display.

35. The vignette of claim 25 wherein said memorial products include a memorial table for displaying personal items of the deceased.

36. The vignette of claim 25 wherein said memorial products include a memorial board for displaying photos of the deceased.

15 37. The vignette of claim 23 wherein said memorial items include personal effects of the deceased.

38. The vignette of claim 23 wherein said personal effects include a keepsake of the deceased.

39. The vignette of claim 23 wherein the personal effects include personal items of the deceased.

40. A method of assisting a loved one of a deceased in planning a funeral or other service which memorializes the deceased, the method comprising:

- 5 selecting a theme, from a menu of themes, for a vignette to be incorporated into the funeral or other service, the selected vignette theme representing at least one aspect of the deceased's life; and
- within the selected theme, selecting one or more memorial items from a menu of memorial items to be utilized in the vignette.

41. The method of claim 40 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the lifestyle of the deceased.

42. The method of claim 40 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the vocation of the deceased.

5 43. The method of claim 40 wherein the vignette theme is designed around the avocation of the deceased.

44. The method of claim 40 wherein the vignette theme is one selected from a group consisting of:

10 military service;
 gardening;
 farming;
 hunting;
 fishing;
15 sports; and
 music.

45. The method of claim 40 wherein the menu of memorial items includes memorial products.

46. The method of claim 45 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of casket designs.

47. The method of claim 46 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes custom engraved caskets.

5 48. The method of claim 46 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes caskets having a memorabilia drawer built therein.

49. The method of claim 46 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes caskets having a memorial record tube built therein.

10 50. The method of claim 46 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes a plurality of casket cap panel designs.

51. The method of claim 50 wherein the plurality of casket cap panel designs includes cap panels adapted to be removed from the casket and presented to the loved one as a keepsake.

15 52. The method of claim 46 wherein the plurality of casket designs includes a plurality of casket corner adornment designs.

53. The method of claim 45 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of casket bier designs.

54. The method of claim 45 wherein the memorial products include a plurality of floral display designs.

5 55. The method of claim 45 wherein the memorial products include a memorial table for displaying personal items of the deceased.

56. The method of claim 45 wherein the memorial products include a memorial board for displaying photos of the deceased.

10 57. The method of claim 40 wherein the menu of memorial items includes personal effects of the deceased.

58. The method of claim 57 wherein the personal effects include keepsakes of the deceased.

59. The method of claim 57 wherein the personal effects include personal items of the deceased.